

# Cologne Academy

Your Future Starts Here

November 2017

Dear Cologne Academy Families-

I heard this from the halls of Cologne Academy this week while I was observing student learning.

The teacher said, "I can" and the students responded in unison, with strong voices, "I can learn, I will learn, I must learn."

With each statement of affirmation, their voices became louder, prouder, and even more convincing. There was no hesitation in their collective voice of what the students' job was for the day. Simply, *they must learn*.

Along with creating an atmosphere conducive to learning is building an environment that is growth mindset aligned. There are two types of mindsets- growth and fixed. Depending on the situation, prior experience, and outcomes, we might have some of both mindsets. When it comes to learning, growth mindset is where we want our students' frame of minds to be. Here are the differences:

FIXED MINDSET TRAITS	GROWTH MINDSET TRAITS
Gives up easily	Gives their best effort
Avoids challenges	Embraces challenges
Ignores feedback	Learns from feedback
Tries hard to appear as smart or capable as possible	Believes hard work will make them smarter
Threatened by other students' success	Inspired by others' success

Here are five tips on establishing or reinforcing a growth mindset at home.

1. **TALK ABOUT IT-** When asking about your child's day, you lead the questioning. Did you make a mistake today? What did you learn? What did you do that was difficult?
2. **PRAISE THE PROCESS-** Praise the effort, goal setting, persisting through challenges, or being creative. "Wow, you must have worked really hard on this!" Instead of "You are so smart."
3. **ENCOURAGE FAILURE-** Failure is part of life. Your child wasn't successful on their first steps, their first experience drinking from a cup, or buttoning their jacket. They are not going to be perfect the first time at anything. Your child needs to know that failure will happen (we have all crashed on our bicycles) and it is okay. Do not step in to prevent failure from happening (yes the training wheels do need to come off). By letting your child "fail," you are teaching perseverance in the face of challenge. Better yet, have a great fail in front of your child and show them how to get back up and persevere.

## Upcoming Events

**November 3**  
Early Release 1:00 pm

**November 6**  
Informational Meeting/Tour  
6:30 pm

**November 6-10**  
NJHS Food Drive

**November 10**  
Picture Retake Day  
Veteran's Program  
2:30 pm

**November 13-17**  
ACT Testing  
(Grades 4th & 8th)

**November 16**  
Give to the Max Day

**November 21**  
College Shirt  
Grandparent's Day  
OSA  
End of 1st Trimester

**November 22-24**  
Thanksgiving Break  
No School

## Upcoming Concerts

**November 14**  
Grades 5-8 Band Concert  
7:00 pm

**November 16**  
Grade 1 Concert  
6:00 pm  
Grade 2 Concert

4. **THE BRAIN IS A MUSCLE-** Every time we learn something new, our brain is making new connections. When things are difficult (like reading especially if your peers are already reading, fractions, algebra, writing, etc.) and we persist, we are making our brain more intelligent. Your child needs to know that learning is work and work is hard.

5. **THE POWER OF YET-** The way your child talks to themselves makes a huge impact on their mindset. If they say, "This is too hard!" help them change that to "I can't do this yet, but I will keep trying." Give them the words to say when they are feeling defeated by modeling it yourself!

Together we can make a difference. #lovelearning

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## Give to the Max Day

**Please help CA meet our 2017 goal of raising \$20,000.**

School Wide Incentives:

\$15,000 - All students will receive an 'out of uniform' day!

\$20,000 - All students will receive an additional day off from school on Monday, April 2, 2018!

Online giving has already begun and continues through November 16th. To schedule a donation or for more information about Give to the Max click [here](#)

These fundraising efforts are used to support our academic rigor and achievement endeavors. Cologne Academy thanks you for your support!

## Students Arriving Late or Leaving Early

**For our students' safety, all students must be signed in and/or out in the office by their parent/guardian if they arrive late or leave early or are picked up from the office at the end of the day.**

Per CA Family Handbook--  
Students who arrive tardy must be brought to the Main Office by a parent/guardian. After 8:30 a.m., children must check in at the office before going to class.

Dismissal by parent-early  
All day attendance is important for every student, every day. If your child must leave school early, we ask that you inform the school office. Parents/guardians must check out students at the front office and the administrative assistant will notify the student's teacher for dismissal.

7:00 pm

**December 7**  
Kindergarten Concert

**December 12**  
Grade 3 Concert  
6:00 pm  
Grade 4 Concert  
7:00 pm

**December 14**  
Grades 5-8 Choir Concert  
7:00 pm

## PAVE Meeting

Next Meeting  
Monday, November 20  
6:30 pm  
Join us!

## School Board & Finance Meeting

Next Meeting  
Monday, November 20  
Finance Meeting 7:15 pm  
Board Meeting 7:30 pm

## Upcoming Knowledge Bowl Meets

**November 9**  
Lake Harriet Upper School  
Minneapolis  
4:00 pm

**December 7**  
Pioneer Ridge Middle School  
Chaska  
4:00 pm

## Follow Us

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## Snow Days

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We all know that it is that time of the year in Minnesota when parents and staff must be prepared for the possibility of delayed start, early release, or school closing due to weather.

In the event of questionable weather, the following are ways to stay informed:

- SchoolWay notification (this is the quickest way for you to know what is happening - the app is free!)
- Email from Main Office
- Watch for 'Cologne Academy' on WCCO, KSTP or KARE11 for weather related announcements.
- We will also post on the CA website and CA Parent Facebook page

### Important Unexpected Early Release Information

It is extremely important that you are aware of the plan you put in place for your child(ren) at the start of the school year, bus or carline (Clubhouse will NOT be available), should we need to send students home early.

We respectfully request that you use the communications methods listed for information and announcements regarding weather related school closings and avoid phoning the school office during inclement weather or announced early releases unless it is absolutely necessary.

## Free Schoolway App

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Don't forget to sign up for Schoolway notifications. This free app (Apple or Android) will send reminders directly to your phone.

SchoolWay's Web App allows you to stay up to date even without a smart phone.

Click [here](#).

## Need Clubhouse During Upcoming Breaks?

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Need Clubhouse during Thanksgiving or winter break?

Clubhouse will be open\* on select non-school days throughout the year. If you need childcare for your child(ren) during the upcoming breaks, please take the survey to let us know where needs are. Survey will close on November 15.

Survey Link [here](#)

\*Please note: This survey does not guarantee that Clubhouse will be available during Thanksgiving or winter break.

## Student Picture Retake Day

Lifetouch will be here on Friday, November 10, to take student photos. Students that were absent on September 27 and any students wishing to have picture retakes\* will have their photo taken.

Students having a photo taken are allowed to come to school out of uniform, but must change into their uniform after their photo is taken. If a uniform is not brought, parents will be called to bring a uniform.

\*Students requesting retakes should bring their original photo package to return to the photographer.

## Veteran's Day Program

Cologne Academy's Veteran's Day Program will be held on Friday, November 10 at 2:30 pm in the CA Gym.

This is a wonderful program honoring all of our Veterans and we invite all of our CA families to attend.

### We need your photos!

If you have a special serviceman/woman that you would like to honor in our Veteran's Day program please click [here](#) for a photo submission form (or pick up a form up in the main office) to submit with a photograph. The photo will be included in the PowerPoint presentation during the Veteran's Day program.

Please submit photos with a completed [photo form](#) to Carla Riemer at [criemer@cologneacademy.org](mailto:criemer@cologneacademy.org) at your earliest convenience\*.

**\*Photo submission DEADLINE is Monday November 6, 2017.\* If you had pictures in the slideshow from last year, we will be able to reuse your photos.**

## Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest (6th grade)

Each year Cologne Academy 6th graders participate in the International Lions Peace Poster Contest. This contest invites students to creatively express what peace means to them. The 2017-2018 contest theme is "The Future of Peace". This contest allows students to share their unique image of peace with others, so that we may all have greater tolerance and international understanding.

### This year's winners are:

1st Place: Isabelle McInnis

Runner Up: Emily Labo

Honorable Mention: Ryan Freitas and Taylor Spreeman

Congratulations to all!

### **Food Drive November 6-10**

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Cologne Academy's NJHS will be collecting non-perishable food and hygiene products the week of November 6-10 to donate to the local food shelves. Collection boxes will be located outside classrooms.

Thank you for helping us help the community!

### **Gobble Grams**

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The school store will be selling "Gobble Grams"-- messages of gratitude and praise that students can purchase for peers or staff.

Grams will be available at the school store on November 10th & 17th for \$2.00 each. They will be delivered to recipients on November 21st.

### **Lunch**

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Help Wanted: We are in need of lunch servers on Tuesdays.

Interested in serving lunch, but can't commit to a weekly schedule? Sign up to be a substitute lunch server.

Contact Cathy Kerber at [ckerber@cologneacademy.org](mailto:ckerber@cologneacademy.org) if you are interested in becoming a lunch server or lunch sub or would like more information.

### **Art Department News**

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Students are getting ready to create Square 1 Art Masterpieces in art class. Square 1 Art is our art department's fundraiser where you are able to purchase a variety of fun items with your child's unique artwork displayed on them.

Items will arrive just before Mother's day, and a couple months before Father's day! You can also save items for the Holidays, because they make great gifts for family.

Check out the Square 1 Art website [here](#) to see the wonderful keepsakes available to you!

### **Informational Meeting & Tour**

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Monday, November 6  
6:30 pm  
CA Cafeteria

Please share our next informational meeting & tour with your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone that would like to learn more about our school.

### **Can Trailer**

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Our can trailer is in need of emptying. Please contact Jackie Nordick at [jnordick@cologneacademy.org](mailto:jnordick@cologneacademy.org) if you are able to help. Thank you!

### **From the Health Office**

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#### **Policy**

Per policy, if your child has a temperature over 100 degrees, vomits, or has diarrhea, you will be called to pick him/her up. They will need to remain home until they are fever-free without medication and/or have not experienced vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.

Need **immunizations**? Carver County Public Health offers low cost immunizations for those without insurance coverage for vaccinations.

Click [HERE](#) to go to the website for information.

Thank you,  
Nurse Mary  
[nurse@cologneacademy.org](mailto:nurse@cologneacademy.org)

### **Lost and Found - Please Label Belongings**

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Please label all clothing and personal belongings including lunch bags, water bottles, backpacks, calculators, band instruments, etc. We do our best to reunite items with their owner if an item is labeled. If your child has lost something please encourage him/her to check lost and found located in the hall outside the cafeteria.

### **Scheduled Early Release Dates for 2017-2018**

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Friday, November 3, 2017  
Friday, January 19, 2018  
Friday, March 23, 2018  
Friday, May 25, 2018